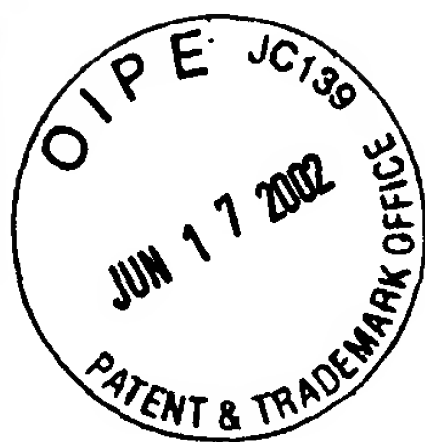


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

ALAJEM, SARA ET AL

**Serial No.:** 09/727.480

**Filed:** 12 April, 2000

**For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND ASSEMBLIES THEREOF USEFUL IN THE DETECTION OF THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF TARGET NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES IN A SAMPLE**

**Examiner:** Jeffrey Norman Fredman

**Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks**  
**Washington, D.C. 20231**

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

- (1) This is a petition for an extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed February 18, 2002, for a period of two months.
- (2) Applicant is a:  
\_X\_ small entity                  \_\_\_ verified statement attached  
                                      \_X\_ verified statement filed  
\_\_\_ other than small entity
- (3)
- | Extension        | Fee for small entity<br><u>small entity</u> | Fee for other than<br><u>small entity</u> |
|------------------|---|---|
| ___ one month    | \$ 55                                       | \$ 110                                    |
| _X_ two months   | \$ 200                                      | \$ 400                                    |
| ___ three months | \$ 460                                      | \$ 920                                    |
| ___ four months  | \$ 720                                      | \$ 1440                                   |
| ___ five months  | \$ 980                                      | \$ 1960                                   |
- (4) An amendment \_X\_ is filed herewith  
      \_\_\_ has been filed
- (5) Please charge the extension fee and any other amount required to Deposit Account No. 50-1407. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

St. Julien

**Sol Sheinbein**

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**Date: June 17, 2002**

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